GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:906
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Extending Ajeevika Programme
Pathak Smt. Riti

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provision of bank loans for Self Help Groups under the Ajeevika programme has been extended to new areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof State/UTwise and the benefits accrued therefrom;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend and expand the scheme throughout the country in the current fiscal year; and

(d) if so, the details therof; State/UTwise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)to(d): The National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), subsequently renamed as Aajeevika, is the flagship programme of the Government which was launched on 3rd June, 2011. The programme is proposed to be implemented across the country in all the States and Union Territories (except Delhi and Chandigarh). NRLM aims at mobilizing all rural poor household into Self Help Groups (SHGs) in a phased manner and provide them long term support to attain appreciable increase in incomes over a period of time to improve their quality of life and come out of abject poverty. NRLM proposes to ensure universal financial inclusion for them by facilitating opening of savings accounts of all SHGs, simultaneously encouraging their thrift and credit activities and facilitating access to credit and other financial services from banks. The bank loans are being utilized by SHGs both for economic activities for their income generation, and consumption. Presently, it is under implementation in all the States and one Union Territory (Puducherry). The rest of the union territories are being encouraged to transit to NRLM as early as possible. A statement indicating State-wise release of bank loans to all SHGs (including SHGs formed under Aajeevika) is enclosed as Annexure-I.

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Annexure-I

Annexure I referred in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the LokSabha Unstarred Question No. 906 for answer on 03/12/2015.

Credit Linkage Report for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16